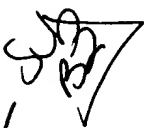
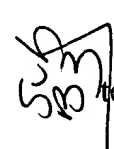


A1  determining whether the billing information is present within a first database;  
in the event that the billing information is present in the first database, placing the  
telephone call;  
otherwise, informing the caller that the telephone call may not be placed;  
determining whether the telephone number corresponding to the pay telephone is present  
in a second database; and  
in the event the telephone number corresponding to the pay telephone is present in the  
second database, charging a set activation fee to the caller at the termination of the telephone  
call.

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 18. A method for charging a set activation fee for a telephone call directed to a called  
telephone number, comprising:  
generating a false dial tone;  
receiving the called telephone number and billing information;  
maintaining the false dial tone;  
determining whether the billing information is valid;  
if the billing information is valid, then releasing the false dial tone;  
seizing a true dial tone;  
placing the telephone call to the called telephone number; and  
charging the set activation fee for the telephone call.

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